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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S VISIT: MEETING WITH ANC LEADER JOSHUA NKOMO

1. WE WILL BE COMMUNICATING AGAIN DIRECTLY BY TELECON WITH NKOMO IN BULAWAYO TO ADVISE HIM HE HAS CONFIRMED APPOINTMENT WITH SECY FOR 1100 APR 27 AT SECY'S SUITE IN INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL. NKOMO WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY TWO DEPUTIES WHOSE NAMES NOT YET DETERMINED. IN MEANTIME, THIS SAME MESSAGE BEING PASSED TO NKOMO INDIRECTLY THROUGH ANGLO-AMERICAN MINING CO. WHICH HAS UNDERTAKEN RESPONSIBILITY FOR AIR FERRYING NKOMO FROM SALISBURY TO LUSAKA LATE AFTERNOON APR 26.

2. AS OF BACKGROUND INTEREST AND PERHAPS FOR APPROPRIATE EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION AT LATER TIME, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT ANGLO HAS PREVIOUSLY USED ITS EXECUTIVE JET TO BRING ANC LEADERS OUT OF RHODESIA INTO ZAMBIA FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH PRES KAUNDA AND OTHERS SIMILARLY, STATE HOUSE HAS USED ANGLO AS COMMUNICATIONS LINK FOR MESSAGES TO ANC LEADERS AND EVEN TO SMITH AND MEMBERS OF HIS GOVT. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT ANGLO IS DEEPLY INVOLVED WITH NKOMO IN FINANCIAL SUPPORT ALTHOUGH DETAILS OF THIS ARE CAREFULLY SHIELDED. ARRANGEMENTS FOR NKOMO'S TRANSPORTATION FROM RHODESIA TO ZAMBIA WERE MADE BY AMBASSADOR PERSONALLY AFTER DISCUSSION WITH ZAMBIAN MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS AARON MILNER, WHO IS TRIBALLY LINKED (NDEBELE) TO NKOMO. IT WAS MILNER WHO SUGGESTED THAT ANGLO COULD PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION AS INDEED IT HAS.

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3. UNDERSTAND FROM LOCAL ANGLO OFFICIAL (PHILLIPS) WHO ARRANGING THIS IN MOST DISCREET MANNER THAT AUTHORIZATION FOR FLIGHT OBTAINED FROM ANGLO EXECUTIVE CACH DE BEER, WHO IS RIGHT-HAND MAN TO HARRY OPPENHEIMER IN JOHANNESBURG.

4. LOCAL ANGLO OFFICE HAS ASKED EMBASSY TO ARRANGE FOR DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE OF AIRCRAFT WITH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WHICH WE PREPARED TO DO AS SOON AS ANGLO PROVIDES US WITH TECHNICAL DETAILS AND INFORMATION.

5. ANGLO IS VERY SENSITIVE ABOUT DISCLOSURE OF ITS ROLE IN THIS ARRANGEMENT SO THAT WHEN TIME COMES FOR EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION, IT WILL HAVE TO BE DONE DISCREETLY. WE WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON WHETHER SECY WISHES TO HANDLE THIS DIRECTLY WITH HARRY OPPENHEIMER OR TO DELEGATE THIS TO AMBASSADOR WHO KNOWS OPPENHEIMER AND DE BEER WELL.
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